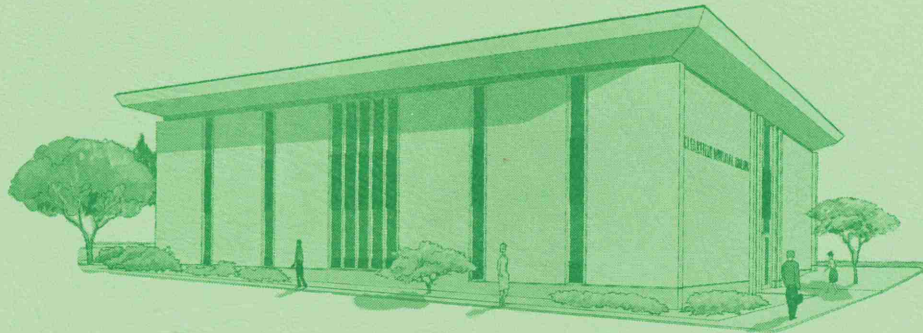


Clearfield City Municipal Building Dedication



140 East Center Street Clearfield, Utah

Clearfield City
Municipal Building

Dedication
September 20, 1969

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Telephone:

Municipal Building 773-3301

Fire Department 825-2201

City Officials

MAYOR: Charles J. Eddy

COUNCILMEN: Donald L. Davenport
C. Ross Kearn
Harvey Broadbent
Gayle L. Starks
Golden Stephenson

CITY MANAGER: Clarence J. Stoker

Department Heads

CITY JUDGE: Cornell M. Jensen

POLICE CHIEF: Herbert Mottishaw

CITY RECORDER: Bonnie S. Hodge

CITY TREASURER pro-tem: Margie P. Child

SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS: C. A. White

RECREATION DIRECTOR and
POOL MANAGER: Dean L. Benson

CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR: Delbert Nelson

FIRE CHIEF: Elmo Hodson

Building Specifications

TOP FLOOR 5,040 Sq. Ft.

. . . City Council Chambers
. . . City Court
. . . Offices of City Judge and Court Clerk
. . . Recorder's Office
. . . City Water Department
. . . Engineering and Inspection Department
. . . City Manager's Office
. . . Two Reception Rooms
. . . Cloak Room
. . . Kitchenette for Employees
. . . Rest Room Facilities

BOTTOM FLOOR 5,040 Sq. Ft.

. . . Library
. . . Police Department
. . . Multipurpose Room
. . . Rest Room Facilities
. . . Equipment Storage Room

TOTAL 10,080 Sq. Ft.

TOTAL CONTRACTOR'S PRICE \$210,877.50

Program

WELCOME	Councilman Starks Chairman, Dedication Program
POSTING OF COLORS and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	American Legion Post 134 Directed by: Russell Knouse
"STAR SPANGLED BANNER"	Clearfield High School Pep Band Directed by: Bob Harris
INVOCATION	Robert Devor Clearfield Baptist Church
REMARKS and INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Councilman Starks
OFFICIAL GREETING	Mayor Eddy
REMARKS	Councilman Kearl Councilman Davenport Councilman Stephenson Architect Verl Gessel
"BLESS THIS HOUSE"	Clearfield Community Ladies Chorus Directed by: Mary Blood Accompanied by: Nancy Lundquist
GUEST SPEAKER	Haven Barlow President Utah Senate
DEDICATION OF BUILDING	Councilman Broadbent
"THIS IS MY COUNTRY"	Clearfield Community Ladies Chorus

A New City Building

In the early 1900's the Clearfield area was known as "SAND RIDGE." Since irrigation water was not available, it took someone with the foresight of Brigham Young to predict the growth and the prosperity of the barren area. Brigham Young is quoted as saying, "The time would come when water would be brought out to irrigate the arid soil and the country would become very populous and that the time would come when the section lying between Salt Lake City and Ogden would be so closely populated that it would be difficult to say when you left one settlement or town and entered another."

The railroads came through Clearfield in 1869 and pioneers began to settle in nearby Syracuse in 1872.

The first permanent settlers in Clearfield were Richard Hamblin and his wife Emily, who gave Clearfield its first native when Moroni Hamblin was born. They settled in what is now the southwest part of Clearfield. After several unsuccessful attempts to drill a well, which necessitated carrying water from Kay's Creek, the Hamblins finally obtained water from a 100 foot well and the "Hamblin strawberry production" began. Mr. Hamblin later became known as an expert in the field of strawberry production.

In 1884, the Davis and Weber counties canal brought the necessary water which immediately led to a population growth. The arid "Sand Ridge" was now to bloom as an agricultural center in the area.

As a result of culinary water demands coupled with the rapid population increase, the formation of the municipality of Clearfield was established in 1922, by the County Commission. Trustees of the first town board were Horace W. Clark, President; W. R. Roberts, A. T. Smith, D. M. Nelson and Charles E. Steed as trustees and Jessie D. Barlow as Clerk.

On March 21, 1946, the Governor of the State issued a proclamation declaring the town of Clearfield to be a third class city under the name of Clearfield City Corporation. Town meetings prior to this time were held in the Clearfield State Bank building. Present city hall quarters were occupied that year, which engendered a number of building additions beyond count. As the city grew, so did the building.

As a bonifide third class city, the first Mayor was William R. Horne with Councilmen Herbert H. Wood, John Grant, Elwin Tayson and Dale Rich. The first appointed City Officials were: Orville Clark, town clerk and treasurer; Lamar A. Chard, town marshal; James Comstock, deputy marshal for the Anchorage area; Alpha Padgett, dog catcher; and George Reed as Utility and Maintenance Manager.

In 1953, the City Councilmen passed an ordinance creating the office of City Manager. At that time Melvin Wood was Mayor with Councilmen Hugh Wilcox, Clarence J. Stoker, H. H. Wood, Eldon Barlow and George Haslam in office. R. Clay Allred was appointed as the first City Manager and held that position until March of 1959, when he resigned.

Some of the significant events which took place following the early years are as follows:

*The hiring of the City's second City Manager,
Glen P. Willardson.
Planned saving for capital improvements
(mainly water and sewer).
A number of City ordinances were passed
concerning home occupation, weeds, dogs, etc.*

And finally in December of 1961, City Council meeting minutes carry comments about the first actions concerning a new Clearfield City Building. City Manager Glen Willardson and City Auditor Dennis Johnson were asked to investigate the possibility of the City saving money for a future municipal building.

At this time the auditor told Mayor Milton Hodge and Councilmen Marshall McEntire, Faunt Montgomery, Harold Steed, Foster Chandler and Richard Layton that some \$83,000 would be available to start the capitol improvement fund. And thus, from a simple comment by Councilman Richard Layton, "the City is going to have a need for a new city hall," came the beginning of a savings program which has made possible the new Clearfield City Municipal Building being dedicated this 20th day of September, 1969.

As early as March 26, 1962, Mayor Joseph Knight, Councilmen Angus Stevens, Elwin Petersen, Faunt Montgomery, Marshall McEntire and Richard Layton requested that City Manager Glen Willardson accumulate information for a possible location for the future Clearfield Municipal Building.

On May 14, 1962, the official capital improvement fund was established which in effect meant that monies accumulated and placed in this investment fund were obligated to capital improvements only. These monies could not be used until such time as a duly passed ordinance authorized expenditure of such funds for a specific capital improvement.

City Manager Willardson reported that some \$64,900 was available for investment in the fund in 1962. The City Council members instructed Mr. Willardson to obtain the very best possible interest return on the capital investment fund money.

At first, a remodeling program of the existing building was considered to accomodate the library and administrative offices; but fortunately the council decided to wait a few more years to see what City growth patterns prevailed.

And so it went. Each year, surpluses (small though they may have been) were added to the interest bearing capital improvements investment fund which in turn enabled the following sequence of events to take place.

In 1965, Mayor Knight, Councilmen Angus Stevens, Elwin Petersen, Vern Burton, George Mitchell and Ross Kearl, were forced to make a withdrawal from the capital improvement fund to cover construction outlays involving the 300 North Street bridge, curb and gutter installations on Highway 91, and storm drains. This needed action perhaps delayed this dedication until this year.

At the Council Meeting of August 28, 1967, Mayor Charles J. Eddy and Councilmen Donald Davenport, Ballard Christiansen, Verl Garrett, Ross Kearl and George Mitchell requested City Manager Clarence Stoker to study various city locations as possible sites for the new city building. Mr. Stoker was asked to find a site suitable for housing the City Administration, the Police Department, the City Court, and the Library. He was also asked to make sure that ample parking space was considered.

On September 25, 1967, City Manager Clarence Stoker reported that a 10,000 to 12,000 square foot building would accommodate an estimated city population growth of 19,000 to 20,000. It was decided that council members would take a tour of city buildings throughout the area on October 5, 1967. Several locations for the new city building were discussed and the Central Park area was considered most feasible from the standpoint of economics and accessibility.

The Mayor, City Council members, City Manager, City Recorder and City Secretary visited city buildings in Sunset, Bountiful, South Salt Lake and Murray. After a great deal of discussion, the new Clearfield City Building began to take shape, "if only in the minds of those taking the tour."

A meeting was held with architect Verl Gessel who explained the procedures to be followed in communicating ideas into a finished design. A contract form was presented to council members for their study and deliberations.

On November 27, 1967, the City Council unanimously passed a motion made by Ross Kearl and seconded by Ballard Christiansen that provided for a contract with the architect. Mr. Gessel presented drawings for the proposed Clearfield Municipal Building and after spending many hours in discussion with City employees and officials, and making a number of minor changes and adjustments, the preliminary drawings were accepted. The council gave approval for the architect to prepare final working drawings on January 22, 1968.

On May 27, 1968, the City Council unanimously passed a motion made by Ballard Christiansen and seconded by Donald Davenport, accepting the completed plans and specifications. This most important project was opened for bidding. The bid opening date was set for June 25, 1968 and bids were opened as planned. On July 8, 1968, the bid was officially awarded to the J. Ron Stacey Construction Company, in the amount of \$208,547.00, which was the low bid, and ground breaking ceremonies were held in August of 1968.

Several council meetings were attended by Mr. Gessel in an effort to satisfy the desires of the City Councilmen, City Manager and City employees. The selection of bricks for the exterior and paneling for inside the building took hours of discussion.

At the March 10, 1969 council meeting, Councilman Starks was named chairman of the building dedication committee. Mr. Starks made committee assignments with Mayor Eddy and Councilman Stephenson responsible for printed programs and publicity; Councilman Kearl was assigned to make the invitation list for special guests; Councilman Davenport was assigned to make the necessary preparations for facilities (seating, stands, sound equipment, etc.) and City Manager Stoker was assigned to obtain the official name plaque for mounting as a permanent part of the building.

The Clearfield City Municipal Building is here for all residents to use as of this 20th day of September, 1969.

A most significant element of this major City endeavor was the complete unity and agreement which was reached through the many hours of consideration and discussion. All decisions were made with full council support and all motions concerning the new Clearfield City Municipal Building were unanimously passed.